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• A Response and Amendment

Also enclosed is a return postcard. Please date stamp and mail the postcard in order to acknowledge receipt of the above-reference correspondence.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action mailed on 8 April 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.